

Requirements

A minimum 2.75 cumulative GPA is required for Quito and GAIAS with a B average in Spanish. Both locations are open to sophomores, juniors and seniors in good academic and social standing. Two years of college level Spanish is required to study in Quito; courses at GAIAS are taught in English but one year of college level Spanish is required. Quito participants must take or audit the appropriate level of Spanish in the semester preceding study abroad.

There are opportunities for students to participate in community service, such as pest control, waste management, introduced species control, day care centers and local schools to name a few.



Hammocks at a restaurant on Isabela island, Galapagos, Ecuador

Costs

Students pay regular Linfield tuition and a program fee. They are subject to the same health insurance and technology fees as on-campus students. Out-of-pocket expenses, passport and visa fees, local or regional travel are the responsibility of the student. The College pays the round-trip airfare from PDX for qualified students first study abroad experience. Students may use their financial aid while abroad.

Orientation

Students in both programs must attend mandatory pre-departure orientations organized by Linfield (in March) and by the Oregon University System orientation held in Eugene (May for fall participants; and November for spring students.)

Housing

At both locations, students live with local host families to gain exposure to daily life and improve their Spanish skills. Matched with students based on mutual interests, the families are carefully selected and are in frequent communication with the Resident Director.

Additional Information

Having more active volcanoes than any other country, Ecuador is rich in geographic diversity, with 4 distinct regions to explore: the Amazon jungle, the Andes Mountains, the coast and the Galapagos Islands. Once a farming country, Ecuador's economy was transformed after the 1960s with rapid growth and progress in health, education and housing. While still a developing country, it is economically stable and uses the dollar. Ecuador's population is 13 million with a majority being a mixture of indigenous and Spanish peoples.

It is highly recommended that all students take TCCA 230, "Intercultural Communication: Global Perspectives", before participating in the program. Courses in Latin American history, politics, culture and thought also provide excellent preparation. Applicants are encouraged to attend programs sponsored by the International Programs Office.

Applications are available only online:

https://inside.linfield.edu/_files/ipo/application-study-abroad.pdf

Cost Information:

<https://inside.linfield.edu/ipo/study-abroad/costs-and-aid.html>

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<https://inside.linfield.edu/ipo/study-abroad/blogs-and-photos.html>

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ECUADOR
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Semester Abroad Program



La Compania, completed in 1765, Ecuador

Linfield offers 2 academic programs through the Universidad San Francisco de Quito. One is at its main campus in Quito, with a wide variety of courses taught in Spanish for Spanish language students. The other program is in the Galapagos Islands where courses taught in English focus on biology, ecology, marine and environmental sciences. In both programs, organized field trips and cultural activities supplement coursework and students stay with local host families.



Petting an octopus while snorkeling, Ecuador



Universidad San Francisco de Quito www.usfq.edu.ec

Located in a suburb of Quito, USFQ is a private, non-denominational liberal arts institution of 3500 undergraduates. Quito is the capital city and was once part of the Inca empire having some of the best-preserved early colonial architecture on the continent. Students may focus on Spanish language and culture as well as take regular university coursework with Ecuadorian students, for a semester or a year. Coursework is available in the social sciences, sciences and humanities. Because of USFQ's state of the art laboratory facilities, Linfield encourages science majors to consider this program as a way to integrate study abroad into their science curriculum. However, students in a wide variety of disciplines will likely find coursework to fit their interests and degree plans.

Students commute on public transportation from their homestay to the University. By US standards, the cost is inexpensive.



Host family, Ecuador

"I learned to be more independent by having to do particular activities on my own such as having to ride the bus on my own. It was actually good for me to get lost because then I had to ask questions to find certain places. I always asked and spoke to people on the streets. I learned that I do not have to depend on everyone else in order to move ahead. I became more assertive on the streets, and learned to take my time because it is not of the essence in this culture."

Galapagos Academic Institute for the Arts and Sciences www.usfq.edu.ec/galapagos/

The Galapagos Academic Institute for the Arts and Sciences (GAIAS) is situated in a newly renovated airy and spacious facility of USFQ overlooking the bay of Puerto Baquerizo Moreno, the capital city of the Galapagos Archipelago on the island of San Cristobal. Even though instruction at the institute is in English, one year of Spanish is required for participants so that they can appreciate the local community more fully and engage in cultural activities. GAIAS offers full-semester programs in English in the biological and social sciences. Upon arrival, students will study at the USFQ's main campus in Quito where they will take their first module. They then spend the remainder of the semester completing four modules at the GAIAS campus on the Island of San Cristobal, Galapagos.



Students in Baños, Ecuador

Highlights:

- GAIAS provides a rare opportunity to live and study on an archipelago populated by unique plants, animals, and other forms of biodiversity.
- In addition to the small class size and individualized attention, most classes include field trips and fieldwork. Students have many opportunities to participate in excursions to various islands in the Galapagos.



Tallest building in Quito, Ecuador

The tracks of study offered are:

- "Evolution, Ecology & Conservation in Galapagos"
- "Marine Ecology"

(Completion of at least one course each in general biology and ecology is required for the tracks listed above.)

- "People, Politics and the Environment in the Galapagos"
- "Race, Gender, and Ethnicity"

Each track consists of 5 intensive 3-credit courses taught in 3-week modules.



Museo de la Ciudad, Quito, Ecuador